

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

(Page 1, lines 5-8): In hitting a baseball, a baseball batter should not extend his arms until contact with ball or raise his front arm during the swing. Rather, the batter should always strive to stay "inside" the baseball while in the process of swinging. Staying "inside" means that the hands of the batter must never be on the same line with the ball or beyond ~~[[this]]~~ the line of the ball.

(Page 3, lines 9-10): FIG. 2 illustrates ~~[[is]]~~ in a perspective view of the back of the embodiment of the training device according to the invention as shown in Figure 1,

(Page 4, lines 6-14): As shown in Figure 1 of the drawings, the training device 10 in accordance with the present invention comprises an elongated member 12 of at least a length to extend about the torso of a wearer at some point above the waist. Elongated member 12 has two distal ends 14, and a fastener 16 for engaging the two distal ends of the elongated member so as to form a loop. Fastener 16 may be a buckle as shown or alternatively a clasp, snap, hook-and-loop or other type of conventional fastener. Alternatively, elongated member 12 may be at least partially formed of a stretch type material such that fastener 16 is not necessary, the training device merely being slipped over the torso of the wearer and maintained in that position by the stretchable nature of the stretch type material.

(Page 4, line 15 to page 5, line 3): In use, elongated member 12 is slipped on or snugly cinched about the wearer such that elongated member is not free to move relative to the torso of the wearer. If desired, shoulder straps 18 may be attached to elongated member 12 to form a suspender-type arrangement for further supporting the member (see Figures 4-6 for a more complete illustration of the shoulder straps). These shoulder straps 18 extend from the elongated member 12 at the front of the wearer, over the shoulder of the wearer, and to the elongated member at the back of the wearer. One shoulder strap 18 may be sufficient, but two straps may be preferable.

(Page 5, lines 4-7): Training device 10 of this embodiment further includes an elongated pocket or sheath 20 on the back portion of the elongated member 12 as is shown in Figure 2. Pocket 20 defines an generally open cylindrical space having an opening 22. The pocket 20 on elongated member 12 is adapted to positioned on the back of wearer as is shown in Figure 6.

(Page 6, line 18 to page 7, line 4): It is contemplated that the training devices in accordance with the present invention further may include a signal device (not shown) in connection with the target member and/or the elongated member to provide a positive indication in the form of a signal that a proper swing has occurred. The signal device may generate an audible sound and/or a visual indication. The signal can be generated by mechanical and/or electrical devices such clickers, buzzers, lights and the like.